of import of edible oils due to severe foreign exchange constraints.

Approval to MRF to maunfacture precured traders

1590. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have granted approval to MRF for setting up a project to manufacture precured treads despite the fact that this item is reserved for the small scale sector under the industrial policy;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what is its likely impact on the small scale manufacturers engaged in the business?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. J. KURIEN): (a) M/s. M.R.F. Ltd., have been granted a Letter of Intent for the manufacture of 4000 tonnes per annum of precured treads (for tyres) at their existing industrial undertaking at Ankanapally Madikunda Tehsil Sadasivapet, District Medak in the State of Andhra Pradesh. Manufacture of precured tread by cold cure process has been specifically excluded from the reservation for small scale sector.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Indian Cosmonauts in space

1591. SHRI DINESHBHAI TRIVEDI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any plans under Government's consideration to send Indian Cosmonauts to various planets; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Electric power supply from Nuclear Power Plants

1592. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the percentage of total electric power supply from Nuclear Power Plants in the country at present;

(b) whether Government propose to take help from Japan to enhance nuclear power in view of the country's power shortage; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES, AND PENSIONS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA): (a) During the year 1990 nuclear electricity constituted about 2.3 per cent of the total electricity generated in the country.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. No proposal is under consideration in this regard at present.

Manufacturing Units of "Indian Mark-II handpumps"

1593. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names and addresses of the approved manufacturing units of Indian Mark-II handpump;

(b) whether Government have approved an improve model, of the Indian Mark-II handpump and the manufacturers sales price fixed for Government agencies; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government are recommending/arranging raw materials for manufacturing at fair price and marketing support of this revolutionary pump; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. J. KURIEN): (a) Names and addresses of the approved manufacturing Units of